MOVE FOR DELAY

Civic Bodies Join in Urging Retention of Senate Amendment.

UNSIGHTLY SMOKESTACKS MAIN OBJECTS OF ATTACK

Executive Committee of Committee of 100 Leads Opposition to Bill as It Stands.

day in an effort to prevent, if possible, the erection on the south side of the Mall of four great smokestacks on top of the proposed central heating, lighting and power plant of the federal government. Civic bodies showed great interest in the subject, and as the result of the work of the executive committee of the Committee of One Hundred on the Future Development of Washington, members of the House and Senate conference committees on the urgent deficiency bill will be urged late this afternoon and tomorrow to take action to prevent the erection of the smokestacks by retaining in the bill the amendment recently inscrted in the Senate.

It was pointed out today by a mem-ber of this committee that there is no objection to the erection of the plant are objected to, on the grounds of un-

aightliness.

A meeting was held by a number of nembers of this committee this morning at the office of Gienn Brown, chairman. The American Federation of Arts took part in the public discussion of the question, by giving out a statement teday, deprecating the possibility of the erection of the smokestacks. Simultaneously, it was disclosed that the directors of the Chamber of Commerce are to take up the subject tonight, in connection with resolutions which have been drawn to discourage the building of the smokestacks.

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Following the meeting of some members of the executive committee of the committee of one hundred on the future development of Washington today, it was said that the proposed smonestacks would obstruct the view

smonestacks would obstruct the view of the White House, the Capitol, etc., from incoming Virginia trains and automobiles; that they would cut off the vision of the Virginia hills from Washton, and would cut off the view of persons in the White House down the Potomac river.

Resolutions urging Congress not to permit work on the proposed central heating and power plant to be continued until the design and location of the proposed structure have been changed so as to meet the approval of the commission of fine arts and the President of the United States are to be introduced at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight by Glenn Brown, a director of the chamber and also chairman of the committee of one hundred on the future development of Washington. Should the directors so decide, the resolutions may be forwarded to the full membership of the organization, which is scheduled to meet Tuesday night.

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The resolutions to be offered by Mr. Brown state:

has expended, and will continue to expend, large sums of money in the memorial and departmental buildings on the Mall, and in planting and developing the new Riverside Fark from Rock Creek Park to a point opposite the War College for the future dignity and attractiveness of the national's capital.

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"A contract has been let for a new government heating, lighting and power plant at 14th and Water streets, which contemplates the erection of a building eighty to minety feet in height with four smokestacks sixteen feet in diameter and 195 feet above the water level which will be obtrusively visible from the Capitol—which will destroy the charming view from the White House down the river, the vital reason for placing the White House on its present location—which will obtrude itself objectionably upon patriotic visitors to the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington national cemetery, and which will, therefore, conflict with and detract from the grandeur and dignity of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial when viewed from the river, the Capitol and the hills of Virginia and Maryland.

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"As the prevailing winds in the spring and summer are from the south and southeast, the gases from this plant will tend to affect or destroy the foliage of the trees in the beautiful new parks being laid out by Congress.
"No city like New York, Cleveland,
St. Louis, Chicago or Detroit would tolerate the erection of a structure that
would mar the effectiveness of one of their civic centers or one of their

The national commission of fine arts bas condemned the character of the structure as detrimental to the future development and effectiveness of the

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"We, the Washington Chamber of Commerce, believe that nothing should be allowed that will detract from the dignity and grandeur of the natiin's capital, and urge upon Congress not to permit this work to proceed until some method can be adopted that will mitigate the evil by changing the degign or the location of the said structure which will meet with the approval of the national commission of the fine arts and the President of the United States."

Federation of Arts Objects to Haste Shown In Giving Out Contract for Power Plant

Whatever may be the need for a central heating and power plant, there is no excuse for designing a building that will constitute a continual eyesore and nuisance and that will mar the beauty of the Potomac Park development there is no excuse for the haste that has been made in planning the proposed structure and in letting the concast for its erection.

This is the substance of a statemen aued today by the American Federation of Arts with regard to the plant designed to heat and furnish power to the "uptown" departments of the gov ernment. It is stated that the smokestacks of the proposed plant would interfere with some of the finest vistas of the city; that they would intrude upon the magnificent park which is taking form. By reason of the size of the building and the height of the stacks, the structure would be one of the most conspicuous in the entire city, according to the federation.

The Federation's Statement. The statement issued by the federation today follows: "Under the direction of the present

administration plans have been made

for the erection of a building to serve lings in the event of the pipe breakto an engineering experiment which
might produce disastrous results. as a power plant to furnish heat and

light to the various government buildings in Washington. The location chosen is the waterfront adjacent to Potomac Park at the foot of 14th street. The building, which has been planned under the supervision of the supervision architect's office, is to be eighty feet high and to have four smokestacks 200 feet in height and sixteen feet in diameter. It is to cost about \$1,000,000. These smokestacks would immediately upon erection become a dominant note in every broad view of Washington. They would interfere with some of the finest vistas; they would intrude upon the magnificent park which is taking form. The building by which they would be surmounted stands between the tidal basin and the Washington channel and would become the most conspicuous building in the city, barring none. street. The building, which has been

Should Protect the Parks.

"Much money has been spent to de

velop the park system in Washington

n an effort to make Washington what

t should be, a city worthy as the cap-

tal of this nation and representative

of the best knowledge, intelligence and

culture of our day, but a million dol-

culture of our day, but a million dollars is about to be spent to counteract these results, and unless strong influence is brought to bear upon Congress promptly it will be impossible to undo that which has been done arbitrarily, unthinkingly and detrimentally.

"The need for a central power plant for the government departments is by no means pressing. The Capitol is already supplied with such a private plant. So are several of the other departments. Eventually some economy might be realized, but it is the least urgent need, probably, that the government departments in Washington are experiencing.

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"It would seem, therefore, that there had been no reason for the extraordinary haste with which these plans have been made, the contract let and the appropriation rushed through Congress. But, whatever the need, there is no excuse for designing a building of this character or erecting at the cost of a million dollars a structure which will be a continual eyesore; in other words, to so disregard the value of beauty as to ruthlessly sacrifice it without reason or excuse.

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"The federal commission of fine arts has reported adversely both upon the building and upon the choice of site. The matter will come up in conference and probably be decided Thursday morning, February 3."

whether they would be justified in

authorizing the laying of pipes in the

From an authentic source it is learned that complaint has been made to the Commissioners to the effect that the specifications call for a danger-

ously high steam pressure in the trunk main. According to this information, the pressure would be about 200 pounds to the square inch, which, it is alleged, is sufficient pressure to blow up the street and possibly damage build-

streets.

in the city, barring none.

Though the President of the United States has issued am executive order that no building be erected here unless that no outlaing be erected nere unless the plans be submitted to the federal art commission for approval, the contract for this building was let by the Secretary of the Treasury ten days or more before the plans of the building were submitted to the art commission. Before the submission was made an appropriation covering the cost was passed by the House of Representatives as a clause introduced in the urgent deficiency bill. This bill came before the Senate the day after the plans were submitted to the fine arts commission and reported upon adversely. Senator Newlands at that time introduced an amendment to the effect that no work should be done upon this building until the plans had been submitted to the commission. This amendment was passed and is now in conference. plans be submitted to the federa Officials Say System Is Safe.

According to Assistant Secretary Newton of the Treasury Department, Newton of the Treasury Department, the specifications provide for two main pipes which will carry the Steam to the lateral pipes for delivery to the government buildings. The pressure, he said, would amount to about 100 pounds to the square inch. In the opinion of the Treasury Department officials the system would be an entirely safe one. According to information given the District Commissioners, the pressure provided for is much higher than that found in similar systems in other cities, and practically amounts

will Investigate Carefully.

Engineer Commissioner Kutz eadd that the Commissioners will investigate carefully the question of pressure before authorizing the laying of the pipes. If they are convinced that the pressure is sufficiently high to constitute a source of danger authority for the installation of the distributing system, according to the specifications, will be withheld, he said.

The Treasury Departin these applied to the Commissioners for permission to install the distributing system in the following streets: From 14th and F streets southwest to South Capitol street, thence to the Capitol power plant, between South Capitol street, tween South Capitol street. New Jersey avenue, E and F streets southeast. Another portion, starting at 14th and Water streets, extends through Potomac Park to 15th street, thence north of E streets, connecting by service lines through the White House grounds with the State, War and Navy building. The plans provide also for a feeder in D street northwest, from 15th street to 12th street, connecting with the District building and Post Office Department, and a spur from the middle of the Mall about the line of 10th street to the new National Museum, thence west along the south side of the museum to meet with their views or that the Treasury Department would have to obtain the necessary authority from Congress.

Officials Say System Is Safe.

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